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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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INFO AMCONSUL BOMBAY

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 14591

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BEXP, EFIN, IN

SUBJ: PURCHASE OF BOEING 747 BY AIR INDIA

REF: STATE 240991

1. BECAUSE AIR INDIA HEADQUARTERS IS LOCATED IN BOMBAY, EMBASSY REPEATED REF MESSAGE TO CONGEN BOMBAY FOR ACTION. CONSUL GENERAL BANE'S REPORT (BOMBAY 2372) OF HIS APPROACH TO AIR INDIA IS QUOTED BELOW.

2. "I HAVE THIS MORNING 12TH CONVEYED JRD TATA, CHAIRMAN AIR INDIA, CONTENTS STATE REFTEL (ASSUME FIGURE OF 17,000,000 IN FIRST PARA STATE REFTEL SHOULD READ 17,100,000 WHICH OVERTAKEN BY FOLLOWING.

3. "TATA ASKED ME TO WARN WASHINGTON THAT PURCHASE URD/ MAY NOT NOW BE CONSUMMATED AND THAT CONTEMPLATED PRESS RELEASE REFTEL SHOULD THEREFORE BE WITHHELD PENDING FINAL DECISION BY GOI. TATA SAID IN VIEW UNPREDICTABLE SITUATION CREATED BY ENERGY CRISIS AND HIGH COST FUEL AS WELL CUTBACKS AIR INDIA OPERATIONS, IT IS POSSIBLE GOI WILL NOT DECIDE GO THROUGH WITH PURCHASE. TATA EXPRESSED REGRET TURN OF EVENTS, STRESSED AWARENESS FAVORABLE TERMS PROVIDED FOR PURCHASE AIRCRAFT, ETC.,  
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BUT IN VIEW SITUATION HE EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL GOI WILL NOW

APPROVE PURCHASE.

4. "TATA LEAVING FOR DELHI THIS EVENING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION WITH GOI ON WHETHER GO THROUGH WITH PURCHASE. AS SOON FINAL DECISION REACHED HE WILL BE CABLING SENIOR EXECUTIVE EXIMBANK SAUER (WITH WHOM HE HAS DEALT) AND BOEING ON OUTCOME POSSIBLY TOMORROW. SAID HE WOULD TELEPHONE ME IN ORDER INFORM AS TO OUTCOME. BANE."  
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